

In the Claims;

31 1. (Amended) Extruder comprising an extruding screw and a barrel, said extruding screw being characterized by between 2 and 6 thread starts and a pitch angle of between 32 and 42 degrees.

32 5. (Amended) Extruder according to claim 1 with a screw LT/De ratio of between 2 and 10.

33 6. (Amended) Extruder according to claim 1 wherein the H/wc ratio is under 0.2.

34 8. (Amended) Extruder comprising an extruding screw and a barrel characterized by a pitch angle of between 28 and 45 degrees and a LT/De ratio of between 2 and 10.

35 12. (Amended) Extruder according to claim 8 wherein the extruder is a single screw extruder.

Please insert the following claims 15 through 19.

36 15. Extruder according to claim 1 with a screw LT/De ratio of between 2 and 5.

37 16. Extruder according to claim 8 wherein the H/wc ratio is over 0.1.

38 17. Extruder comprising an extruding screw and a barrel characterized by a pitch angle of between 28 and 45 degrees and a LT/De ratio of between 2 and 5.

39 18. Extruder comprising an extruding screw and a barrel characterized by a pitch angle of between 28 and 45 degrees and a LT/De ratio of between 2 and 4.

40 19. Extruder according to claim 17, characterized by a pitch angle of between 32 and 42.